

The **WAVAWnet** project began in January, 1996 with a technical survey and has culminated in a fully accessible website that is secure, user friendly and time efficient.

Special thanks goes to those program managers of DSHS and CTED who patiently met the requirements of federal and state mandates to see the project through to completion. In addition, thanks goes to all those agencies who participated, and other groups from around the country who offered input and support.

Today, there are 59 participating agencies across Washington State who are a part of WAVAWnet. Each agency has a computer hooked-up to the Internet to access the WAVAWnet website: **www.wavawnet.org**.

Being able to communicate with each other as well as having greater access to information will enable these domestic violence agencies and coalitions to enhance their services, attract a variety of funders, and impact public policy.

It is our hope that everyone's ultimate goal, to end domestic violence and sexual assault, will be enhanced through technological advances such as the WAVAWnet project provides.

THE TECHNOLOGY CONNECTION

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**HELPING
DOMESTIC VIOLENCE
& SEXUAL ASSAULT
AGENCIES
PROVIDE SERVICES
TO VICTIMS**

ABOUT THE PROJECT ♦ ♦ ♦

The *primary goal* of this project, **WAVAWnet**, is to provide access to technology for the domestic violence and sexual assault coalitions and those agencies across Washington State who provide direct services to victims of domestic violence and sexual assault.

With this technology, participating agencies have increased communication ties to each other, DSHS (Washington State Department of Social & Health Services,) and CTED (Washington State Community Trade & Economic Development,) as well as access to information such as:

- ◆ Discussion Board Conferences
- ◆ Publications
- ◆ Resource Listing
- ◆ Laws and Regulations
- ◆ Research
- ◆ Funding Resources
- ◆ Training Opportunities

The *secondary goal* is to provide direct services/ agency information and resource to the public.

LINKING



Service providers with each other

SHARING



New ideas, training opportunities, success stories

OFFERING



Information on Domestic Violence & Sexual Assault to the public

ABOUT THE JOURNEY ♦ ♦ ♦



1996

January: 55 agencies respond to a technical survey, determining computer resources, levels of expertise, and general interest. DSHS and CTED staff begin discussing a jointly-funding project.



1997

April: DSHS and CTED contract with a consultant to begin Phase I, research and development.
August: Focus groups gather to discuss project goals and implementation.



1998

January: Phase I needs assessment submitted to DSHS and CTED. Network design chosen and Phase II, creation of a “closed” network for direct service providers and purchase and installation of hardware begins.



1999

January: Victim Advocate Software Team (VAST) chosen to analyze project and implement Phase II.
August: Computers, modems and printers ordered for 60 community-based agencies. Delivery and installation commences at 15 agencies.



2000

January & February: Computers delivered and installed at remaining sites.
March: 16 agencies participate in focus groups.
April: First Pilot Test of WAVAWnet site.
June: Statewide WAVAWnet trainings.
July: Systems Administrator hired.
August: Second Pilot Test of WAVAWnet site.
September: VAST completes project.
October: WAVAWnet site is finished and available for public and agency utilization.



2001

April & November: Statewide Advisory Board meetings.